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## FORTUNE IS SPENT IN PADUCAH STORES

### Buying Christmas Presents For Everybody

It Is Estimated That Not Less Than \$300,000 Went Into Retail Trade.

### MERCHANTS ARE ALL PLEASED

Paducah's Christmas cost over \$300,000.

Involving, as it does, so many diverse elements, and extending over an indefinite period, any estimate of the amount of money spent in the holiday shopping in Paducah can only approximate the real sum. But after a somewhat exhaustive investigation among the merchants, it is conservatively estimated at \$300,000. This sum was spent purely for merchandise to be given as holiday presents.

Allowing a population of 25,000 to Paducah, it would mean an expenditure of \$12 per capita. However, many thousands of dollars were spent in the city by out-of-town shoppers and the country people.

The holiday shopping began in earnest on the fifteenth which would average an expenditure of \$20,000 a day until the twenty-fifth. Still some holiday shopping was going on as soon as Thanksgiving had passed and the indefinite period over which it has been extended with the vast variety of things purchased for gifts, make it hard for the merchants to calculate on the amount spent in holiday shopping.

Everything from the most practical to the most useless and ornamental was bought. The husband who was not able to get his wife a new dress in the fall, found the opportunity and ability to do so Christmas, and the merchants, unless they asked the question, could not tell how the purchase would be used.

Certain lines tell unmistakably the general financial condition of the people. The jewelry business was enormous. Much money is spent in personal adornment, only when money is liberal. In women's dress, those things that give the final touch to the toilette such as scarfs, furs, and long gloves, were bought in immense quantities. Among the men, mufflers, gloves, ties and suspenders all in high grade quality, were popular.

This year's holiday shopping shows various sides to different merchants. Some report a large increase, while others are chuckling over the fact of having equalled last year's business. All are satisfied and the work of annual invoicing has started with many.

### TRENWITH-BALL.

Happy Young Couple Will Reside in Metropolis.

Mr. Ernest Trenwith and Miss Nellie Elizabeth Ball, the popular teacher in the Mt. Vernon public schools, were united in marriage by the Rev. Elwell O. Mead at the Congregational parsonage Sunday evening at 5:30 o'clock. The young couple were attended by the groom's brother, Mr. George Trenwith, and Miss Fannie Thraffick. After the wedding ceremony a delicious supper was served at the residence of the bride's parents on East Gambier street. Only the immediate friends were present. The groom for several years held a prominent position in the machine shop at the C. & A. and G. shops.

Mr. and Mrs. Trenwith left on the midnight train for Metropolis, Ill., where the groom has a house already furnished and where he is foreman in the machine shop of the Metropolis Bending company.—Mt. Vernon, O., Daily Banner.

### GIVES FATHER-IN-LAW \$50,000.

Young New York Millionaire Sends Bonds as Christmas Present.

Louisville, Dec. 26.—Bonds of a face value of \$50,000 bearing interest at 6 per cent constitute the Christmas gift received by William Paxa Lee, treasurer of the Louisville Gas company, from his son-in-law, E. R. Thomas, New York millionaire, also well known by his connection with the turf.

### Dead Engineer's Hand on Throttle.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 26.—With the engineer dead at his post and his hand on the throttle, the Canadian Pacific railway Hamilton express tore through Parkdale station Saturday afternoon. The fireman, alarmed at the increased speed, made for the engineer's box and found the man dead. He applied the emergency brakes and the train came to a standstill. The engineer was John Paul. It is supposed he was struck by a semaphore.

### DECLINES PEERAGE

Ambassador Bryce Comes Here Without a Title.

London, Dec. 26.—James Bryce, it would appear, has declined a peerage. At any rate, according to the Daily Telegraph, he will go to the United States as British ambassador without changing his name, and thus be the first plain citizen to represent his country at Washington, and, says the Chronicle, "Americans who know and honor him as James Bryce will esteem him all the more because he has declined a title."

### Flagman Gibson Happy.

Flagman William Gibson, of the Tennessee street crossing, was made happy by the presentation of a \$20 purse. The money was made up by railroad men and presented by Local Agent John T. Donovan. Flagman Gibson has been bedridden with paralysis for over a year, and his daughter, Miss Leonora Gibson, his main support, accidentally shot herself two weeks ago and is still in Riverside hospital.

## RECORD BROKEN

LOCAL POST OFFICE HANDLED LARGE AMOUNT OF MAIL.

Two Men on One Route Unable to Take Care of Deluge of Packages on Broadway.

The Paducah post office attaches handled 25 per cent. more business this Christmas than any other Christmas in the history of the city. It required all the extra help possible to secure, and still a great many packages and letters remained in the office today.

"Just to give you an idea of the business we did, said Fred B. Ashton, superintendent of carriers, "I will take route, No. 3, that is in the thickest residence portion, Jefferson street, Kentucky avenue and Broadway, carried by Charles Rawlings. We put on yesterday one extra man, making two carriers for this one route. Notwithstanding this fact more than an express wagon load of mail matter remained in the office from this one route."

"We had so much business that it is impossible to estimate it for some time. We registered hundreds of letters and have been unable in the rush to make a report."

### Madia Kills Six Italians.

New Orleans, Dec. 26.—The plot of the mafia which has been working with a secretary in New Orleans for years is regarded as responsible for the death of six Italians found murdered early today in a tenement house. Several of the men were burned to death.

## NOT MURDER.

THEORY OF DETECTIVE MOORE IN SMITH CASE.

Thinks Boy is Alive and Will Give Out Statement Saturday—Father Coming.

Detective T. J. Moore does not believe that Lloyd Smith, who mysteriously disappeared from the Milliken & Sikes mill neighborhood on November 16, was murdered, and will in a few days have his evidence complete, he believes.

"I have evidence which points to a theory other than murder," Detective Moore stated. "I do not believe Smith is dead, and within the week I feel sure I shall positively know. I have not had much time to work the case up, owing to the holidays, but will know something worth reporting by Saturday."

Detective Moore will hold a conference tomorrow with Smith's father, who will come here from Almo for that purpose.

### Santa Claus Burned to Death.

Milwaukee, Dec. 26.—Miss Ella Snell, who played Santa Claus, was burned to death in her sister's home last night. She was dressed in a long coat covered with ball cotton which caught fire from a lighted match with which she was about to light candles on the Christmas tree.

There is only one kind of a newspaper circulation statement that is worth any consideration and that is the daily detailed statement. The Sun is the only Paducah paper printing such a statement.

## SHOOT AT CAR CONDUCTOR SAYS

### Because He Is Compelled To Pay His Fare

Negro Knocks White Man and Woman Down and Escapes in Skiff Across River.

### NO NAMES ARE MENTIONED.

Because he was angry at the conductor for collecting his fare on the Rowlandtown line yesterday morning about 10 o'clock, Baskin, alias "Bearskin," Jackson, colored, is alleged to have fired at the car without effect.

"Take your hand away from here or I will shoot it off," is what Conductor William Whales said Jackson ejaculated when asked for his fare. The fare was paid, but when the negro left the car, he shot. He was presented in police court this morning for malicious shooting with intent to kill.

Jackson boarded car, No. 102, in charge of Motorman Ed Russell and Conductor Will Whales.

When the car reached Bloomfield avenue Whales says Jackson got off. He pulled his gun and attempted to shoot it, but it snapped. He broke the weapon and snapped it again. This time it went off, the bullet going over the top of the car.

The matter was reported to Patrolman Henry Singery, who, after working all the afternoon, finally found the negro and arrested him.

### Victims Assault.

After knocking a white man and woman down, a half-crazed, drunken negro ran to the levee, jumped into a boat moored at the foot of Kentucky avenue and escaped from patrolmen who were sent a few moments later to arrest him, yesterday afternoon.

The negro is unknown, as are the persons he attacked, as well as his motive for the attack. The attack was made on South Second street between Kentucky avenue and Broadway. The negro staggered into the couple and with two swift blows felled both. He ran, and the boat he stole was found by the Battle Owen below the towhead near Brookport.

Patrolmen Cross and Johnson were detailed on the case, but the man and woman had disappeared and no names were learned.

### The Holiday Business.

New York, Dec. 26.—For the four days ending tonight at 6 o'clock there were received in the general post office 59,000 pouches of first-class mail and 132,000 sacks of second-class matter. In the same period there were sent out from the postoffice 60,000 pouches of letters and 187,000 sacks of packages, setting a new record in Christmas mail. As a pouch carries on an average 2,800 letters and a sack averages approximately 150 packages, the total number of pieces of first-class mail is estimated at 297,300,000 and the number of packages at 47,550,000.

## ACTORS

HAVE THEIR CHRISTMAS AT CLOSE OF BUSY DAY.

"Human Hearts" Banquet at Hotel and Mansfield Company on the Special Train.

Actors, on the road, playing two engagements on Christmas, have little time to enjoy the day, but after the performance is over at night, then they have their Christmas, while the rest of us are sleeping off the effects of a strenuous day.

The "Human Hearts" company reached Paducah yesterday, ate dinner and went to the theater for the afternoon performance. They ate their supper hastily and went back to the theater to get ready for the night. But at the hotel at midnight the whole troupe was entertained at a banquet given by the manager and presents were exchanged and home folks talked about.

Richard Mansfield's troupe enjoyed the unique distinction of having a Christmas tree on the train. Mr. Mansfield's private car and cafe car, comprising his home on the road, were thrown open and a big dinner was served with toasts. Then the tree was exposed and everyone of the 75 members of the company and the score of stage employes received a gift from the star. Mr. Mansfield bought 15 silver rings at a local jewelry store.

You can tell a good deal about a man by the things that appeal to his sense of humor.

### GENERAL UPRISING.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 26.—The opinion prevails here that the race riots at Scooba are in the nature of a general uprising and much bloodshed is in prospect. A conference of officials is in progress here. In Kemper county, the scene of the trouble, where the Kuklux Klan originated, the race feeling is strong, while there are numerous lawless characters, white and black, in the county.

### TOWN EMIGRATES.

Madrid Dec. 26.—Nine thousand inhabitants of the town of Bojar decided to emigrate in a body. A meeting was held which approved the offer of the president of Nicaragua to supply ships and funds for transportation. They will engage in agricultural pursuits.

### 9,895 TONS OF TOYS.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Germany sent to the United States this year for the Christmas trade 9,895 tons of toys, breaking all previous records, according to estimates made at the department of commerce and labor.

## DRUGGISTS SELL ONLY BY QUART

Under Provisions of New License Ordinance

Cuts Down Fee From \$150 to \$25 But Restricts Them—Costly for Loan Companies.

### SOME WILL NOT PAY AMOUNT

With the promised reduction in the proposed license fee for druggists who sell liquor, to \$25, from \$150, come restrictions, which prevent the druggists from competing with retail liquor dealers, according to the terms of the measure to be reported back to the board of aldermen at the special session tomorrow night. Formerly the druggists sold under a license costing \$25, but the measure passed by the board of council puts the price up to \$150 unless sold under doctors' prescription, when a government license only is required.

When the measure reached the board of aldermen strong pressure was brought to reduce the price, and it was put back to \$25 with these provisions: No quantity less than a quart shall be sold, and it may not be drunk on the premises.

A question as to whether the aldermen by referring the ordinance, were amending or revising it has come up, and aldermen are taking legal advice on the subject. All revenue measures must originate in the lower board, and a revision might not be valid, while an amendment is always in order, it is understood.

### Money Lenders Object.

Some money lenders are inclined to fight the collection of the proposed license fee of \$500. Some said they will not pay a license at all. No one is permitted to lend money above the legal rate, anyway, and the city has no right to license a business for that purpose.

### Burned Out W. C. T. U.

Brinkley, Ky., Dec. 26.—County Judge Combs today held Gurney Baker to the grand jury on the charge of burning the Women's Christian Temperance Union settlement school at Hindman.

## SEND A MITE

...TO...

## THE SUN

...For the...

## Christmas Tree

For the Poor

If we get a dime for each subscriber to THE SUN we shall have a total sum—\$400—Use this coupon and send something now.

The Evening Sun,  
Paducah, Ky.

I inclose a contribution for the Christmas tree for the benefit of the poor children of Paducah.

## ANNUAL MESSAGE ENGAGING MAYOR

### Blocking It Out At His Office This Morning

Board of Police and Fire Commissioners Will Ask for \$55,000 Next Year.

### FOUR DAYS FOR PAYING TAXES.

This is Mayor Yeiser's busy day. "Just blocking out my annual message," he said without looking up when questioned about his post-holiday energy.

The mayor would not give out information concerning the contents of his message, but it is known he favors parks and a municipal coddit for electric wires, and that his message will be progressive in tone. He has yet to receive statistics and annual reports from the executive boards, and he cannot complete his message until he sees them.

The board of public works is preparing its report and will ask for \$52,000, while the board of police and fire commissioners is waiting until the police and fire chiefs finish their reports, which will be this week. Then the board will meet and elect patrolmen up to the number of 25 with police officers and detectives, and the 31 members of the fire department.

No more than actual necessities will be asked for by the police and fire commissioners next year. The apportionment this year was \$27,000 for the fire department and \$24,000 for the police. The latter included the jail expenses. Salaries for the police department next year will aggregate \$24,540, and \$25,000 probably will be asked for.

Fire department salaries will aggregate \$24,120, including the electrician and farm hand. Hose, costing \$2,700, purchased this year, must be paid for, and \$1,500 must be spent on the Central fire station on North Fourth street. It will take approximately \$30,000 to run the fire department. The board probably will not ask for the new station on West Broadway, recommended by Chief Wood, because no hope is entertained of getting the money.

### Pay Taxes Now.

City Treasurer Dorian is getting in taxes every day. The first of the year will make it more costly for taxpayers, and he is urging everyone to take advantage of the next four days to escape the extra cost.

### Stacker Lee Aground.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 26.—The steamer Stacker Lee which left St. Louis for Memphis Sunday morning, is aground near Quarantine Island, south of Jefferson Barracks. Twenty-four passengers and 30 head of cattle were taken from the steamer last night by the towboat McClelland and brought back to St. Louis.

## LIFE

AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY PLANNED.

Local Capital and Local Men Will Be Engaged in the Project—Officers Here.

Life and casualty insurance will soon be sold in Paducah by a local company, with home capital and energy behind it. D. H. Hughes and C. E. Jennings, the latter of whom probably will be president of the concern, are prime movers in the organization, and it is understood that the company will operate on a basis that will establish its integrity and make it popular from the start. The most improved methods of insurance business will be adopted and practiced. No statement would be given out by either of the gentlemen, as they will not be ready to incorporate for a few days.

### ASKED FOR LICENSES.

Rumor That Saloons Will Test Attitude of New General Council.

Before the incoming general council has long been organized its attitude on the question of disorderly saloons will be put to the test. It is understood that several of the saloon keepers who were refused renewals of their licenses this winter by the present general council will present petitions accompanied with bonds and faithful promises to the general council, for licenses at their old stands.

### REAL SANTA CLAUS.

City Jailer Tom Evitts Makes Poor Children Glad.

City Jailer Tom Evitts whose interest in juveniles never lags, played Santa Claus yesterday. He set a spread at the city hall for pauper children and three turkeys were eaten. There was some left after the feast at the hall was over, and donning a clown's costume the popular city jailer secured a wagon and drove about the city distributing the food wherever he found a worthy object.

### Metropolis Weddings.

The following were married in Metropolis Christmas by 'Squire Liggett:

Larry E. Davenport and Miss Nellie G. Lloyd, of Hickman; Ollie C. Jenkins and Miss Amanda Niel, of Kuttawa; Leander Barnhart and Miss Martha J. Nickles, of Paducah; Hugh Garrett, and Miss Eula Burgess, of Paducah, and J. H. Watson and Miss Rosa A. Thomas, of Paducah.

## RUN EXTRA

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS' DIVISION 225, SOCIAL ORDERS.

Grand Ball of the Order at the Craig Hotel, on the Night of January 22.

Locomotive Engineers, Division 225 will give their grand ball at the Craig Hotel on the night of January 22. The following unique invitations, written in professional hand on regular Illinois Central blanks have been issued:

To you, at Paducah, Ky., X. Y. Z., O. R.; 5 p. m.

You will run Extra, leaving Home on Tuesday, January 22, 1907, at 8 o'clock p. m., to the dining room in the Hotel Craig, Paducah, Ky., double-headed with your wife or sweetheart, where the Locomotive Engineers of Division 225 will give a grand ball. After enjoying yourself to your heart's content, you will back up home and there tie up until next year. B. S. E., chief train dispatcher. Conductor and engine man must each have a copy of this order. Repeated at 5:00 p. m.

### Off for Pine Knot.

Washington, Dec. 26.—President Roosevelt is clearing up his desk today preparatory to leaving the capital tomorrow for a five days' visit at Pine Knot, the country estate in Virginia owned by Mrs. Roosevelt. The president and Mrs. Roosevelt will be accompanied by several of their children.

## PARALYZED

RICHARD GEAGEN LOSES USE OF HIS RIGHT SIDE.

Conceals Fact From Family as Long as He Can—Condition Little Improved.

Mr. Richard Geagen, of 614 Clay street, the well known salesman for the A. M. Laevison company, Second and Jefferson streets, was stricken with paralysis on the right side Monday night shortly after supper, and although he knew he was not well, he refused to tell his family, who went to the performance of the Richard Mansfield company.

About 10 o'clock Mr. Will Geagen, a son, went home and passing through his father's room saw him in bed. His eyes were open but he failed to speak after several attempts. Motioning for pencil and paper he tried to write an explanation of his condition but to no avail.

The son hastily summoned neighbors and went after Drs. W. T. Graves and C. H. Brothers. The doctors worked with him but his condition today is little improved.

### Body Mixed With Dough.

Columbus, O., Dec. 26.—Horatio Vandike met a terrible death in a bread mixer this morning. There were no witnesses to the accident. He was drawn into the machine, his body being crushed and mixed with dough.

### Increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight.

Thursday threatening with warmer in central and eastern portion, possibly rain in extreme west portion. The highest temperature reached yesterday was 30 and the lowest today was 22.

## TETANUS CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTIM

Tom Crutchfield, of Bridge Street, Dies

Sister of Unfortunate Youth Also Wounded and Is Taken to Riverside.

### FATHER MET TERRIBLE DEATH

Another victim to the toy pistol craze died this morning of tetanus. Tom Crutchfield, 16 years old, of 1802 Bridge street, Mechanicsburg, succumbed to the disease resulting from shooting himself in the hand with the wad and powder of a blank cartridge. His wound was similar to that of little James Morrison who died of tetanus last week.

His sister Grace Crutchfield, 1 years old, hurt her hand with a pistol two days ago. She has been removed to Riverside hospital by J. W. Bass, city physician, who infection in her case.

The Crutchfield family has a singularly unfortunate record. It has not been long since the elder Tom Crutchfield, father of this boy, rode his bicycle off the Sixth street bridge over Island creek one dark night and broke his neck. The widow is poor and charitable people have been aiding her. This second blow will be a severe one to her.

### DRAINS A LAKE IN ICE WAR.

Odd Charge Is Made in Suit Filed Against Wisconsin Farmer.

Milwaukee, Dec. 26.—The Knickerbocker Ice company has been haled into the United States court by the Oetting Brothers Ice company of Kenosha. The defendants named in the case are farmers, but back of them is the ice firm. The Kenosha men charge the combine with trying to put them out of business by securing from farmers permission to drain Cape Lake, where the Oetting Ice company gets its ice. The combine is charged with playing fast and loose, draining the lake at one time and then damming it up until the ice begins to form, and then allowing the water to run out again. In this manner it is claimed, they prevented the Kenosha men from getting a crop of ice. Damages and suitable relief are asked.

### BLOOMERS COST PASTOR'S JOB

Deacon's Wife Wears Them and Pastor Is Ousted for Reproving Her.

Indianapolis, Dec. 26.—Rev. A. A. Jonne was separated from the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church of Greencastle at a secret session of the Indianapolis Presbytery today because of a row started by a pair of bloomers, which threatened to disrupt the church. The pastor and his wife, making a morning call, were received by the wife of Deacon Canham in bloomers, which she wore while attending to her morning duties. The pastor reproved her for wearing what he considered unseemly garb, and thus started the quarrel.

### NEW DRUG STORE.

S. H. Winstead Will Open One at Seventh and Broadway.

Mr. S. H. Winstead, president of the Lax-Fox Medicine company, is preparing to open a new drug store at Seventh street and Broadway, in the store formerly occupied by the Hayes Drug company. He expects to occupy the building by January 1 or soon thereafter. In opening the drug store Mr. Winstead does not change his relations with the Lax-Fox company as president and stockholder. For many years Mr. Winstead owned a successful drug business at Savannah and Washington streets.

### WILL PROBABLY RECOVER

No Clew to the Whereabouts of a Sallant of Capt. Macklin.

El Reno, Okla., Dec. 26.—The dition of Capt. Edgar A. Macklin, who was shot by a negro at his residence at Fort Reno last Friday night was improved today and recovery assured, attendants say. The would-be assailant has not yet been arrested.

### Relinquishes Property.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The pope will relinquish property of the Roman Catholic church in France, and forbid the priests to continue public worship. It is learned from an authoritative source, plus will reject the new religious law, and the priests will or the private worship.